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Note by the Executive Director

In accordance with Governing Council decision 17/8, the Executive Director has the honour to present, in the annex to the present note, a table listing the corporate memorandums of understanding concluded between the United Nations Environment Programme and other bodies of the United Nations system since the Executive Director's previous note to the Council on the subject (UNEP/GC.27/INF/9). The table has not been formally edited.

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Annex

2014 Agency/intergovernmental bodies

Date signed	*Reference*	*Body*	*Title*	*Brief*
10 March 2014	UNEP/UNV	United Nations Volunteers	MoU Between UNEP and UNV	- This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was concluded in March 2014 with an initial duration of two years, upon which it would renew automatically on a yearly basis unless terminated earlier. - Through this MoU, UNEP confirmed its commitment to work with UNV towards enhancing an environment within which volunteerism is recognized as a significant element in the success of UNEP programmes and activities in accordance with its mandate. And UNV confirmed its commitment to supporting UNEP's mission through volunteerism for peace and development including the provision of UN Volunteers who are dedicated towards the mandate of UNEP and who have the appropriate qualifications, skills and profile required for UNEP offices. - This MOU outlines the operational framework of collaboration between the Parties.
27 March 2014	UNEP/IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency	Practical arrangements Between UNEP and IAEA on cooperation in the area of sustainable environmental management	- This agreement was signed by UNEP in March 2014, and will remain valid for six years. - The scope of cooperation under this agreement is in support of affected country parties of UNEP and Member States of the IAEA improving their scientific and technological capabilities to address environmental management challenges, and to sustainably manage the conservation and use of natural resources and maintain healthy ecosystems under the increasing impacts of climate change and variability. Expanded cooperation is also envisaged through the planning and design of natural resource management projects within the programmatic focus of the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), whereby UNEP has comparative advantage in formulating such projects as Implementing Agency of the GEF and the IAEA has complimentary advantage as an Executing Agency of the GEF. - The objectives of this agreement is: o To develop working relationships that promote sustainable environmental management for the well-being of present and future generations through enhanced conservation of resources and ecosystems, enhanced resource efficiency and cleaner/safer production by drawing upon the comparative advantages of each institution, and by jointly looking at bridging the gap between science and policy; o To establish and advance the scientific, technological and managerial capabilities of affected Member States, with support to mainstreaming science and technology in the policy making process; o To build effective synergies in supporting the implementation of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Stockholm Convention on

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), The Minimata Convention on Mercury, and the Global Programme of Action for the protection of the marine environment from land based activities (GPA) and the respective Regional Seas conventions, through the delivery of technical cooperation and communication activities.

Total number of agreements: 2